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# International conventions and protocols in the field of the environment

## Report of the Executive Director

Summary

The present report is submitted in response to Governing Council decision 24 (III) of 30 April 1975 which requests the Executive Director to inform the Council at each session of the status of new and existing conventions in the field of the environment, and to General Assembly resolution 3435 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, which requested the Governing Council to keep the General Assembly informed of any new conventions in that field and of the status of existing conventions. The present report covers the period from 1 December 1994 to 10 December 1996. The information contained in the report is provided by Governments and international organizations acting as depositaries to the respective conventions, in response to the Assistant Executive Director's letter of 19 December 1995. It also takes into account information received by the UNEP secretariat during the reporting period. Further information on the objectives, provisions, signatories and parties of about 200 international environment-related agreements will be found in the 1995/1996 edition of the UNEP Register of International Treaties and Other Agreements in the Field of the Environment, to be issued in accordance with Governing Council decisions 16/5 and 18/25.

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## Suggested action by the Governing Council

The Council may wish to take note of the present report and authorize the Executive Director to transmit it, together with any comments made by delegations on the report, to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975. The Council may also wish to call on States that have not yet signed, ratified or acceded to conventions and protocols in the field of the environment to do so. Also, the Council may wish to call on States and organizations that are in a position to do so to provide the UNEP secretariat with information on new conventions and protocols in the field of the environment as well as information on any changes to the status of the existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment.

## A. Depositaries

1. The following Governments and intergovernmental organizations reported on the status of conventions for which they serve as depositaries:

Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Finland, Germany, Kenya, Kuwait, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, Western Samoa, United Nations Secretariat, International Labour Organization, International Maritime Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, International Atomic Energy Agency, Organization of American States, Organization of African Unity, Council of Europe, Council of the European Union, Association of South East Asian Nations, International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission, South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation, South Pacific Forum Secretariat.

## B. Conventions and protocols that have entered into force

2. The secretariat has been informed that the following international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment have entered into force during the period covered by the present report (1 December 1994-10 December 1996):

(a) International Convention on Oil Pollution and Preparedness, Response and Cooperation, 1990, adopted at London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on 30 November 1990, entered into force on 13 May 1995;

(b) European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage, adopted at Valetta, Malta, on 16 January 1992, entered into force on 25 May 1995;

(c) The Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), adopted at Apia, Western Samoa, on 16 June 1993, entered into force on 31 August 1995;

(d) Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa, adopted at Bamako, Mali, on 30 January 1991, entered into force on 20 March 1996;

(e) Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Costal Environment of the Eastern African Region, adopted at Nairobi, Kenya, on 21 June 1985, entered into force on 30 May 1996;

(f) Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969, adopted at London on 27 November 1992, entered into force on 30 May 1996;

(g) Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971, adopted at London on 27 November 1992, entered into force on 30 May 1996;

(h) International Convention on Salvage, 1989, adopted at London on 28 April 1989, entered into force on 14 July 1996;

(i) Convention on the Protection and the Use of Transboundary Watercourses and Lakes, concluded in Helsinki on 17 March 1992, entered into force on 6 October 1996.

(j) Convention on Nuclear Safety, adopted at Vienna, Austria, on 17 June 1994, entered into force on 24 October 1996;

(k) Lusaka Agreement on Cooperative Enforcement Operations Directed at Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora, adopted at the Ministerial Meeting at Lusaka, Zambia, on 8 September 1994, entered into force on 10 December 1996.

3. The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris, France, on 14 October 1994, enters into force on 26 December 1996.

## C. New conventions and protocols

4. The secretariat has been informed that the following international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment were concluded during the period covered by the present report (1 December 1994-10 December 1996):

(a) The Energy Charter Treaty, Lisbon, Portugal, 17 December 1994;

(b) Agreement on the Cooperation for the Sustainable Development of the Mekong River Basin, adopted at Chiang Rai, Thailand on 5 April 1995: the Agreement was concluded among Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand and Viet Nam;

(c) Convention concerning Safety and Health in Mines, adopted at the General Conference of the International Labour Organization at Geneva, Switzerland, on 22 June 1995;

(d) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, adopted on 4 August 1995 at New York, United States of America, by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks: the Agreement was opened for signature on 4 December 1995;

(e) With regard to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, adopted at Barcelona, Spain, on 16 February 1976:

(i) Amendment to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, adopted at Barcelona on 10 June 1995: the title of the Convention has been amended to read "Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean";

(ii) Amendment to the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft, adopted at Barcelona on 10 June 1995;

(iii) Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, adopted at Barcelona on 10 June 1995;

(iv) Amendment to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources, adopted at Syracuse, Italy, on 7 March 1996;

(v) Protocol on the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, adopted at Izmir, Turkey, on 1 October 1996;

(f) Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds, adopted at The Hague, Netherlands, on 16 June 1995;

(g) Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention), adopted at Waigani, Papua New Guinea, on 16 September 1995;

(h) Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, adopted at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties at Geneva on 22 September 1995;

(i) 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972, adopted by the Special Meeting of Contracting Parties to the 1972 London Convention at London on 7 November 1996.

D. Changes in the status of existing conventions and protocols

4. Changes which occurred since 1 December 1994 with respect to the status of ratification of, or accession to, existing conventions and protocols may be found a table contained in the annex to the present report which has been prepared on the basis of information provided by the depositaries referred to in paragraph 1 above.

Annex

CHANGES TO THE STATUS OF RATIFICATION OF/ACCESSION TO CONVENTIONS AND PROTOCOLS IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT

| Title of the instrument/year of adoption | Reporting period: from 1.12.1994 up to: | Total number of those ratified/ acceded | Date of entry into force of the instrument | Countries/entities that had ratified/acceded to the instrument during the reporting period |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, 1973 | 20.10.1996 | 134 | 1.7.1975 | Belarus, Dominica, Georgia, Mongolia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey |
| Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, 1979 | 20.10.1996 | 49 | 1.11.1983 | Guinea-Bissau, Poland, Slovakia, Switzerland, Togo |
| Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, 1985 | 30.11.1996 | 162 | 22.9.1988 | Azerbaijan, Georgia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mongolia, Morocco, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Yemen |
| Montreal rotocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 1987 | 30.11.1996 | 160 | 1.1.1989 | Azerbaijan, Georgia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mongolia, Morocco, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Yemen |

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| London Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 1990 | 30.11.1996 | 111 | 10.8.1992 | Azerbaijan, Belarus, Gambia, Liberia, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Poland, Qatar, Turkey |
| Copenhagen Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 1992 | 30.11.1996 | 62 | 14.6.1994 | Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, European Community, France, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, Morocco, Pakistan, Panama, Poland, Qatar, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom |
| Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, 1989 | 22.11.1996 | 105 | 5.5.1992 | Barbados, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Federated States of Micronesia, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Iceland, Israel, Kyrgyztan, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Qatar, Russian Federation, Singapore, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, 1995 | 5.9.1996 | 1 | Not yet in force | Finland |
| Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992 | 21.11.1996 | 163 | 29.12.1993 | Algeria, Bahrain, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Kyrgyztan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Niue, Oman, Panama, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sudan Surinam, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Yemen, Zaire |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1992 | 14.10.1996 | 163 | 21.3.1994 | Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belgium, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Niue, Oman, Panama, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Syrian Arab Republic, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, Yemen, Zaire |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, 1994 | 21.10.1996 | 54 | 26.12.1996 | Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Federated States of Micronesia, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Israel, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Senegal, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Zambia |

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| United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982 | 17.12.1996 | 110 | 16.11.1994 | Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, China, Cook Islands, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Haiti, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Panama, Republic of Korea, Romania, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Tonga |
| Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, 1995 | 13.12.1996 | 6 | Not yet in force | Fiji, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Tonga, United States of America |

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| Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfall Habitat, 1971 | 22.10.1996 | 94 | 21.12.1975 | Albania, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Latvia, Malaysia, Namibia, Paraguay, Togo, Zaire |
| Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, 1972 | 31.12.1995 | 147 | 17.12.1975 | Dominica, Estonia, Iceland, Kyrgyztan, Latvia, Mauritius |
| Convention on Nuclear Safety, 1994 | 13.9 1996 | 26 | 24.10.1996 | Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Mali, Mexico, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom |
| Convention Concerning Occupational Safety and Health and the Working Environment, 1981 | 23.1.1996 | 26 | 11.8.1983 | Denmark, Ireland |
| Convention Concerning Safety in the Use of Asbestos, 1986 | 23.1.1996 | 20 | 16.6.1989 | Uruguay |

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| Convention Concerning Safety in the Use of Chemicals at Work, 1990 | 23.1.1996 | 5 | 4.11.1993 | China |
| Convention Concerning the Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents, 1993 | 23.1.1996 | 1 | Not yet in force | Sweden |
| International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969 | 1.3.1996 | 93 | 19.6.1975 | Mauritania, Mauritius, Tonga |
| Protocol of 1992 to Amend the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969 | 1.3.1996 | 16 | 30.5.1996 | Australia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Greece, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Norway, Spain, Sweden |
| International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties, 1969 | 1.3.1996 | 68 | 6.5.1975 | Chile, Georgia, Marshall Islands, Pakistan, Tonga |
| Protocol Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Pollution by Substances Other Than Oil, 1973, as amended | 1.3.1996 | 38 | 30.3.1983 | Chile, Georgia, Marshall Islands, Pakistan, Tonga |

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| International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage (as amended), 1971 | 1.3.1996 | 68 | 16.10.1978 | Malaysia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Tonga |
| Protocol of 1992 to Amend the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971 | 1.3.1996 | 15 | 30.5.1996 | Australia, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Norway, Spain, Sweden |
| Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 | 31.12.1995 | 63 | 30.8.1975 | Pakistan, Tonga |
| Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, 1978 | 31.12.1995 | 95 | 2.10.1983 | Belize, Ireland, Mauritius |
| International Convention on Salvage, 1989 | 1.3.1996 | 20 | 14.7.1996 | Denmark, Georgia, India, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Marshall Islands, Sweden |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, 1961 | 15.1.1996 | 30 | 10.8.1968 | Chile, Portugal, Ukraine |
| International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994 | 31.15.1995 | 13 | Not yet in force | Bolivia, Cambodia, Ecuador, Ghana, Indonesia, Japan, Liberia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Republic of Korea, Togo |
| International Plant Protection Convention, 1951 | 31.12.1995 | 103 | 3.4.1952 | Burkina Faso |
| The Antarctic Treaty, 1959 | 12.6.1996 | 43 | 23.6.1961 | Turkey |
| Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty on Environmental Protection, 1991 | 12.6.1996 | 23 | Not yet in force | Consultative Parties: Belgium, Brazil, Chile, India, Italy, Poland, Republic of Korea, South Africa, United Kingdom, Uruguay; Non-consultative Parties: Greece |
| Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Eastern African Region, 1985 | 9.10.1996 | 6 | 30.5.1996 | United Republic of Tanzania |

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| Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa, 1991 | 31.12.1995 | 10 | 20.3.1996 | Cameroon, Zaire |
| Lusaka Agreement on Co-operative Enforcement Operations Directed at Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora, 1994 | 20.11.1996 | 4 | 10.12.1996 | Lesotho, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia |
| Convention for the Establishment of the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization, 1994 | 31.12.1995 | 1 | Not yet in force | United Republic of Tanzania |
| Agreement for the Establishment of the Near East Plant Protection Organization, 1993 | 31.12.1995 | 5 | Not yet in force | Egypt, Pakistan, Sudan |
| Convention for the Prohibition of Fishing with Long Driftnets in the South Pacific, 1989 | 9.9.1996 | 10 | 17.5.1991 | Samoa |

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| Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), 1993 | 13.3.1996 | 13 | 31.8.1995 | Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tonga |
| Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region, 1986 | 31.12.1995 | 12 | 22.8.1990 | Nauru |
| Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention), 1995 | 31.12.1995 | 2 | Not yet in force | Federated States of Micronesia, Papua New Guinea |
| European Convention for the Protection of Animals Kept for Farming Purposes, 1976 | 16.1.1996 | 25 | 10.9.1978 | Bosnia and Herzegovina |

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| Protocol of Amendment to the European Convention for the Protection of Animals Kept for Farming Purposes, 1992 | 16.1.1996 | 8 | Not yet in force | Switzerland |
| European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter, 1979 | 16.1.1996 | 16 | 11.6.1982 | Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, 1979 | 16.1.1996 | 33 | 1.6.1982 | Poland, Tunisia |
| Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, 1979 | 31.12.1995 | 40 | 16.3.1983 | Republic of Moldova |
| Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes, 1991 | 31.12.1995 | 13 | Not yet in force | Germany, Hungary, Italy |

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| Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions, 1994 | 31.12.1995 | 3 | Not yet in force | Netherlands, Norway, Sweden |
| Protocol to the 1976 Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution from Land-based Sources, 1980 | 1.6.1996 | 21 | 17.6.1983 | Lebanon |
| Protocol to the 1976 Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution Concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas, 1982 | 1.6.1996 | 21 | 23.3.1986 | Lebanon |
| Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe, 1991 | 31.12.1995 | 11 | 16.1.1994 | France, Ireland |

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| Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, 1991 | 16.9.1996 | 13 | Not yet in force | Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland |
| Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, 1992 | 25.7.1996 | 18 | 6.10.1996 | Austria, Croatia, Estonia, European Community, Finland, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland |
| Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, 1992 | 31.12.1995 | 7 | Not yet in force | Bulgaria |
| Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1992 | 10.5.1996 | 7 | Not yet in force | Denmark, Estonia, Finland |
| European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (revised), 1992 | 16.1.1996 | 7 | 25.5.1995 | France, Norway, Sweden |

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